M.R.T.P.C. enquiry against Core Parentals Ltd.

4336. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the M.R.T.P.C. has recently ordered an enquiry against Core Parentals Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) M/s. Core Parentals Ltd. floated a Right-cum-Public issue which opened on 3rd August, 1993 to implement an expansion-cum-diversification programme. Based on information regarding alleged misrepresentations in the prospectus and simultaneous issue of Right-cum-Equity Shares at different premium rates, the MRTP Commission vide its order dated 29-7-1993 directed institution of unfair and restrictive trade practice enquiries bearing Nos. UTPE 18 of 1993 and RTPE 20 of 1993. The Notices of Enquiries have been issued to the Company on 23rd August, 1993 and the hearing by the Commission is scheduled for 7th October, 1993. The Commission being a quasi-judicial body is empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act.

Reservations about Companies Bill, 1993 expressed by US Multinationals

4337. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US multinationals keen on investment in India, have expressed some reservations about the newly introduced Companies Bill, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that these reservations, unless allayed, may soon snowball into the prospective investors shelving their plans; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for modification of clauses that are considered hostile by overseas investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Some foreign investors intending to set-up and operate power plants in India have requested to amend clauses 25 & 45 of the Companies Bill, 1993 so that the existing facility of incorporated unlimited companies could continue without change because US Tax Law often recognises (and Taxes) foreign sourced income in an adverse manner unless a company can be classified as partnership firm for US tax purposes and this is possible, if the Company is incorporated with unlimited liabilities.

(c) The modification in the Bill are not hostile to overseas investors. However, the requests of foreign investors have been noted and due consideration will be given by the Government to these requests alongwith other suggestions received for amendment in the Companies Bill, 1993.

Ultimatum served by Orissa Judicial Officers

4338. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express of 10th June that Orissa Judicial Officers were on a war path and even served ultimatum to Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to avert this; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the decision to de-recognise their Union, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of Articles 233 to 235 of the Constitution, control including appointment and promotion in District Courts and Courts subordinate thereto in a State is vested in the respective State Government and High Court. Accordingly, any matter relating to Orissa Judicial Officers has to be dealt with by the State Government of Orissa and the Orissa High Court.

Proposal to reduce Election Expenses

4339. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal have recently been received by Government in which a young entrepreneur with scientific temper has submitted a proposal according to which the election will be much cheaper and the results will be considerably expedited;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Election Commission has received a letter from an individual claiming that he has mooted a new process which will make elections not only foolproof but also cheaper and by which the results could be declared on the same day. No details have, however, been revealed, in the absence of which it is not possible to react to the proposal.

Assembly elections in Delhi

4340. SHRI BISHAMHAR NATH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all political parties in Delhi have been demanding holding of elections and have an elected Legislative Assembly; and

(b) if so, when the elections in Delhi are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is not possible, at present, to indicate the likely dates for elections in Delhi.

Lawyers' strike in Delhi Courts

4341. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions when the work at Tis Hazari, Patiala House, Shahdara and High Courts was disputed due to lawyers' strike during the last three years, the details of each strike and the reasons in support of the strike;

(b) the number of hours lost due to each strike approximately;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bar Council of Delhi passed a resolution to constitute a high powered committee to go into the problems of Delhi Judiciary;

(d) if so, when and what are the terms of reference;

(e) whether the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court has nominated a sitting judge of the High Court as the Chairman of the Committee, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what steps are being taken to solve the problems of Delhi judiciary and save the litigants from the long delay in disposing of their old pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (f) Information is being collected from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi/Delhi High Court and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending cases in Delhi Subordinate Judiciary

4342. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending in Delhi Subordinate Judiciary for disposal viz. Tis Hazari, Patiala House and Karkardooma as on date;

(b) the number of cases disposed of by each of these courts during the last three years, year-wise figures;

(c) the number of courts presently functioning in Tis Hazari, Patiala House and Karkardooma complexes, as on date category-wise details of the courts functioning in these complexes;

(d) the number of new courts constituted in Delhi during this period, the details of these courts and their locations;

(e) the number of cases instituted before the Delhi Subordinate Judiciary during the last three years, year-wise figures; and

(f) what corrective steps are being taken to revamp the Delhi Subordinate Judiciary in the near future so that long pending disputes are disposed of quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of the Delhi High Court has indicated that as on 31-12-1992, pending cases in Delhi District/Subordinate Courts numbered 4,85,110.

(b) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.